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1. EMBASSY AND INS TEAM BELIEVE THAT CAT I INCLUDING MARRIED CHILDREN AND SIBLINGS CAN BE PROCESSED ON FIRST CUT IN DESCENDING ORDER BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN PA FAMILY HERE. EMBASSY HAS SELECTED 3086 REFUGEES FOR PRESENTATION TO INS UNDER CAT I WHICH INCLUDES CASELOAD DOWN TO FAMILIES WITH FOUR CHILDREN; THERE WILL BE SOME DROP-OUTS AND REJECTIONS. THERE ARE ABOUT ONE THOUSAND ADDITIONAL CAT I ELIGIBLES BEYOND THAT NUMBER BUT THE CAT I CEILING ESTABLISHED REFTEL WILL NOT PERMIT THEIR INCLUSION.

2. EMBASSY AND INS TEAM HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS FOR CAT I SUBCATEGORIES PER REFTEL:

I-A -THUS CATEGORY LIMITED TO SPOUSE, PARENTS, GRAND-PARENTS, CHILDREN (UNDER 21 UNMARRIED), MINOR UNMARRIED SIBLINGS AND MINOR UNMARRIED GRANDCHILDREN OF US CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS AND REFUGEES PAROLED INTO US PRIOR TO 4-16-76.

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I-B - THIS CATEGORY LIMITED TO SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND

SIBLINGS (MARRIED OR UNMARRIED OVER 21) OF US CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENTS, AND REFUGEES PAROLED INTO US PRIOR TO 4-16-76 AND PROVIDED THE MARRIED PA HAS NO MORE THAN FOUR ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN.

3. ONLY THE ABOVE TWO CATEGORIES (I-A AND I-B) WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY INS IN LIGHT OF THE 3,000 PERSON CEILING SET REFTEL. LATER ON, IF PROGRAM EXTENDED, CAT I-C DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: PA'S WHO ARE MARRIED CHILDREN AND SIBLINGS OF REFUGEES, PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS AND AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH MORE THAN 4 ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN. JUSTIFICATION FOR TAKING CAT I CASELOAD ON BASIS OF SIZE OF FAMILY IS THAT THIS SPREADS PAROLE OPPORTUNITIES TO WIDEST NUMBER OF FAMILY GROUPS.

4. OTHER MORE DISTANT RELATIVES ACCOMPANYING CAT I-A AND CAT I-B PAS, WHO WOULD BE ABANDONED IN THAILAND IF PA AND HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY ARE PAROLED, WILL BE BROUGHT TO INS/CO FOR CONSIDERATION. THUS, A MARRIED SIBLING OF A REFUGEE IN THE US COULD BRING HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. THE 12-YEAR OLD BROTHER OF PA'S SPOUSE, IF 12-YEAR OLD WOULD OTHERWISE BE ABANDONED IN THAILAND, WOULD BE REFERRED TO INS/CO FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.

5. BELOW IS BREAKOUT OF CAT I USING SUBCATS AGREED TO BY INS AND EMBASSY:

CAT I-A
1,656

CAT I-B
1,430

TOTAL 3,086 TO BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME

CAT I-C
916

6. EMBASSY REQUESTS APPROVAL TO INTERVIEW CASES WHERE PERSON IN US UNDER INDEFINITE VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE (IVD) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATUS CAN CONFER ELIGIBILITY IN SAME MANNER AS PAROLED REFUGEES IN US. THERE ARE 30 SUCH CASES REGISTERED (ABOUT 100 PEOPLE); LARGE NUMBERS ARE NOT INVOLVED.

7. UNLESS DEPARTMENT AND INS INFORM OTHERWISE, WE WILL PROCEED TO INTERVIEW CAT I-A AND CAT I-B CASELOAD AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. URGENTLY NEED DECISION ON IVD QUESTION (PARA 6 ABOVE).

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